Sovereign Grace Church

December 31st, 2023

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"…the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."

(1 Peter 5:10)

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BELOVED, *Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord*,—"I wish you a happy new year, and full possession of the blessings of the new covenant; namely, a new heart, and a new spirit, and the use of new tongues; much service in the newness of the Spirit, and a happy walk in newness of life; many comfortable sips of the new wine of the kingdom, and many pledges, earnests, and foretastes of those new enjoyments which are promised by the new thing to the new-born heirs of promise, in the new heaven and the new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. This is the wish and earnest desire of, a saved sinner."

— William Huntington, S.S.

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

Clarissa Richards, January 3rd

Sovereign Grace Church, New Caney / Grace Conference

Elio Chay, Pastor of Seguidores de Cristo,
Dzidzantun, Mexico

Friday, February 23rd @ 7:30 pm,
Saturday, February 24th @ 11 am,
Sunday, February 25th @ 11 am

Resources

VISIT our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

New Year

"So teach us to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."
(Psalm 90:12)

Great God! before Thy throne
We joyfully appear,
In songs to make Thy glories known,
And thus begin the year.

What favours all divine!
What mercies shall we share!
What blessings all around us shine
To open this new year!

Indulgent goodness spares
And still preserves us here,
And bounty all divine prepares
Supplies for this new year.

Our follies past forgive;
Our souls divinely cheer;
And help us more to Thee to live,
Dear Lord, in this new year.

Prepare us for Thy will,
Whatever may appear;
And let Thy loving-kindness still
Preserve us through the year.

Confirm our souls in Thee,
In faith and holy fear,
And let a precious JESUS be
Our song through all the year.

— Gadsby's Hymnal

A New Year's Benediction

I WISH, my brothers and sisters, that during this year you may live nearer to Christ than you have ever done before. Depend upon it, it is when we think much of Christ, that we think little of ourselves, little of our troubles, and little of the doubts and fears that surround us. Begin from this day, and may God help you. Never let a single day pass over your head without a visit to the garden of Gethsemane, and the cross on Calvary. And as for some of you who are not saved, and know not the Redeemer, I would to God that this very day you would come to Christ. I dare say you think coming to Christ is some terrible thing;… *continued on the next page*

… that you need to be prepared before you come; that He is hard and harsh with you. When men have to go to a lawyer they need to tremble; when they have to go to the doctor they may fear; though both those persons, however unwelcome, may be often necessary.

But when you come to Christ, you may come boldly. There is *no fee* required, there is *no preparation* necessary. You may come just as you are. It was a brave saying of Martin Luther's, when he said, "I would run into Christ's arms even if He had a drawn sword in His hand." Now, He has *not* a drawn sword, but He has His wounds in His hands. Run into His arms, poor sinner. "Oh," you say, "May I come?" How can you ask the question? you are commanded to come. The great command of the gospel is, "Believe on the Lord Jesus." Those who disobey this command disobey God. It is as much a command of God that man should believe on Christ, as that we should love our neighbor. Now, what is a command I have certainly a right to obey. There can be no question, you see. A sinner has liberty to believe in Christ because he is told to do so. God would not have told him to do a thing which he must not do.

You are allowed to believe. "Oh," saith one, "that is all I want to know. I do believe that Christ is able to save to the uttermost. *May I* rest my soul on Him, and say, sink or swim, most blessed Jesus, thou art my Lord?" May do it man!? Why, you are *commanded* to do it. Oh, that you may be enabled to do it. Remember, this is not a thing which you will do at a risk. The risk is in *not* doing it. Cast yourself on Christ, sinner. Throw away every other dependence, and rest alone on Him. "No," says one, "I am not prepared." Prepared sir!? Then you do not understand me. There is no preparation needed; it is, just as you are. "Oh, I do not feel my need enough." I know you do not. What has that to do with it? You are *commanded* to cast yourself on Christ. Be you ever so black or ever so bad, trust to Him. He that believeth on Christ shall be saved, be his sins ever so many; he that believeth not must be damned, be his sins ever so few. The great command of the gospel is, "Believe." "Oh," but saith one, "am I to say I know that Christ died for me?" Ah, I did not say that, you shall learn that by-and-bye. You have nothing to do with that question *now*, your business is to believe on Christ and trust Him; to cast yourself into His hands. And may God, the Spirit, now sweetly compel you to do it. Now, sinner, hands off your own righteousness. Drop all idea of becoming better through your own strength. Cast yourself on the promise. Say—

"Just as I am without one plea, But that thy blood was shed for me, And that thou bid'st me come to thee, Oh, Lamb of God! I come, I come."

Now, [reader] have I made myself understood? If there were a number of persons here in debt, and I were to say, "If you will simply trust to me, your debts shall be paid, and no creditor shall ever molest you," you would understand me directly. How is it you cannot comprehend that trusting in Christ will remove all your debts, take away all your sins, and you shall be saved eternally. Oh, Spirit of the living God, open the understanding to receive, and the heart to obey, and may many a soul here present cast itself on Christ. On all such, as on all believers, do I again pronounce the benediction, with which I shall dismiss you. "May the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you!" [1 Peter 5:10] AMEN. — Charles Spurgeon